

## Marines serve in coalition mission

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**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Two U. S. Marines have joined forces in effort to help build an Army from the ground up. They have joined their U.S. Army infantry counterparts and several foreign servicemembers to design what could be the key to stability in Afghanistan.

When the Taliban fell and the U.S.-led coalition forces began to stabilize Afghanistan, one of the first things created was a nationalized, non-factional Army, headquartered in the capital city of Kabul.

Finding Afghan soldiers to fill the ranks was the easy part. Building and reconstructing suitable rifle ranges, living quarters, recreational facilities and other projects has required the expertise of a diversified team.

This overall responsibility falls under the U.S. Embassy's Office of Military Cooperation in Afghanistan and the Department of State under the direction of U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Karl Eikenberry. The Afghan National Army Design Team is composed of infantry and engineering experts from around the world to provide an international perspective.

After receiving individual deployment orders, Gunnery Sgt. Melvin Farmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., reported to the Coalition Joint-Civil Military Operations Task Force compound in a neighborhood in Afghanistan's capital city of Kabul. Farmer arrived in late February and was greeted by another Marine already assigned to the ANA Design Team, Lt. Col. Mark Econie from the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Farmer is an infantry staff non-commissioned officer from Cincinnati, Ohio, and has been on active duty for almost 19 years. He is

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Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

### Honoring the fallen...

*The body of a servicemember killed in a firefight in Shkin Friday, is carried onto a C-130 Hercules during a repatriation ceremony by his comrades. One servicemember died immediately upon contact and the other died later due to injuries sustained.*

## Coalition forces detain self-proclaimed mayor of Baghdad

By the American Forces Press Service

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Coalition forces detained Mohammed Muslim Al Zubaidi today near the Coalition Civil Military Coordination Center, according to U.S. Central Command officials.

Elements of 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, took Al Zubaidi into custody because he obstructed coalition efforts to get Iraqis back to work and exercised authority he did not have, officials said in a press release.

Al Zubaidi appeared unannounced in Baghdad in the wake of the coalition seizure of the Iraqi capital and the destruction of the former regime. In a media statement he issued on April 17, Al Zubaidi proclaimed him-

self mayor of Baghdad and further claimed he was sponsored by the Iraqi National Congress and selected by an executive council representing clerics, Shiites, Sunnis, Christians, academics and writers. Then on April 20, Al Zubaidi began issuing letters to the managers of public services such as power plants and banks in Baghdad directing them not to operate unless they had received documents from him authorizing operations.

Without authority, he purported to fire legitimate, licensed and competent power company employees and in their stead placed his deputy Al Ubaidi in charge of power. He then appointed other persons to operate water, power, sewage and bank facilities in Baghdad. Al Zubaidi and Al Ubaidi at-

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



*Former Iraqi POWs wave to a U.S. soldier as they leave an internment camp in Umm Qasr.*

## Suspicious chemicals undergo more tests

**BAI'JI, Iraq** — Further tests are being carried out on suspected chemical weapons found by U.S. troops in northern Iraq, an Army officer told CNN on Sunday.

Preliminary tests, which can be unreliable, indicated the presence of the nerve agent cyclosarin and an unspecified blister agent in a stash of 55-gallon drums, the officer said.

The find was made public Sunday — the same day that Pentagon officials said they had arrested Gen. Hossam Mohammed Amin, who headed the prewar National Monitoring Directorate and was in charge of the liaison between Baghdad and U.N. inspectors looking for weapons of mass destruction.

The suspect drums were found by the U.S. Army's 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, near two mobile laboratory that soldiers said could have been used to mix chemicals, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Ted Martin said.

The soldiers also said they found 150 high-grade gas masks at the former Iraqi military position about 40 miles (64 kilometers) north of Tikrit, the hometown of ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, 130 miles (208 kilometers) north of Baghdad.

Other suspicious chemicals initially reported to be weapons of mass destruction have, on further testing, turned out to be pesticides or other industrial chemicals.

U.N. orders ban Iraq from possessing the blister agent and cyclosarin, which the International Institute for Strategic Studies says can cause shortness of breath, muscle spasms, unconsciousness and death.

## Beijing shuts down over SARS

**BEIJING, China** — Beijing authorities Sunday ordered the temporary closure of public places like theaters and libraries and suspended the approval of marriages in an effort to prevent gatherings where SARS can be spread.

So far, mainland China leads the world in cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, with 2,753, according to the World Health Organization on its Web site. Numbers are posted there through Friday.

And in Singapore, health officials said hospitals would turn away visitors as curbs were tightened in a bid to halt the respiratory disease, Reuters reports.

Singapore will also close dozens of food markets on Monday for a mass cleaning as two more deaths reported Sunday took the island nation's toll to 21.

In Beijing, there were 126 new cases, for a total of 1,114, the Ministry reported. There have been 56 deaths. Of the 1,114 confirmed cases, 187 are medical workers, officials said.

City officials set aside a 40-hectare (98-acre) area in the suburbs for quarantine use.

The decision to close the venue in Beijing for as long as is needed was made to "stop possible spread of the SARS virus and ensure public health," China's official Xinhua news agency said Sunday.

Already businesses have suffered massive losses as nervous Beijing residents hunker down at home, with streets deserted. The government also suspended the approval of marriages to discourage big parties and has closed public libraries.

## Crash at auto track kills spectators

**PERRIS, Calif.** — Two sprint cars crashed during an auto race, sending one hurtling into the stands and the other into the track's infield, where it struck and killed two bystanders, authorities said.

The driver of the car that flipped into the stands suffered minor injuries, but no one else at the Perris Auto Speedway was hurt, said Jeff Delahunty, a spokesman for the Riverside County Fire Department.

The identities of the two people killed, described as a married couple, were not immediately released.

The Perris Auto Speedway, which bills itself as "America's Premier Dirt Track Facility," is about 40 miles west of Los Angeles.

## Blair calls for Europe-U.S. unity

**LONDON, England** — Europe and the United States should work as "one polar power" to tackle the world's problems rather than bickering as they did over Iraq, British Prime Minister Tony Blair has said.

Speaking to the Financial Times newspaper, Blair said the best way to stop Washington acting unilaterally was to join forces with it rather than opposing it.

"I don't want to see a situation develop again in which either Europe or America sees a huge strategic interest at stake and we are not helping each other," Blair said in what the paper described as a warning to French President Jacques Chirac.

"Some want a so-called multi-polar world where you have different centers of power, and I believe will quickly develop into rival centers of power. And others believe, and this is my notion, that we need one polar power which encompasses a strategic partnership between Europe and America."

"Those people who fear 'unilateralism' — so called and in inverted commas — in America should realize that the quickest way to get that is to set up a rival polar power to America."

France led bitter opposition to the war in Iraq while Britain was easily Washington's closest and most important ally in the toppling of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Blair strove to reconcile the differing views in the United States and Europe but ultimately failed in his bid to get a second resolution from the United Nations Security Council sanctioning the use of force in Iraq.

While Blair insisted on the need to stand side-by-side with the United States, he also stressed the importance of Europe to Britain — traditionally more sceptical about the drive towards European unity than many of its neighbors.



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seeing for the first time how “joint and coalition troops are merging training tactics and applying a vast amount of diversity into accomplishing the mission,” he said.

Farmer and Econie are currently working within the ANA Design Team bringing a diverse perspective on how to design and develop improved, safer ranges for Afghanistan’s newly created army.

Farmer’s infantry and operational planning expertise made him the most suitable candidate for this position. He is tasked with providing guidance and input to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who are developing training ranges for the ANA.

Econie, a mobilized reservist from Chula Vista, Calif., is an engineer in his civilian profession. He brings his experience of several overseas deployments to the forefront by assisting with developing the training ranges.

The ANA has steadily increased in size since its inception late last year. The ANA has trained approximately 4,000 troops to date. The end state goal is to train 70,000 troops within the next 18 months. U.S. and French Special Operation Forces are training the initial eight battalions

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tempted to exercise authority in the region not representative of the interests of the people in Baghdad, while obstructing the normal means of governance for their own self-interests, officials said.

Barbara Bodine, Organization for Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance representative for the central region in Iraq, said that Al Zubaidi was not the mayor of Baghdad, since he had not been elected and had not been recognized by the interim coalition authority administering Iraq.

Coalition officials met with Al Zubaidi and informed him that he had no authority. Although he acknowledged his lack of authority, he continued to subvert coalition authority attempts to restore public services by replacing people who were working with the coalition with his own people, CENTCOM officials said.

Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan, commander of Coalition Forces Land Component Command, delivered a letter to Al Zubaidi April 23, warning him that he was misrepresenting him-



Photo by U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Amy L. Forsythe, CJCMOTF PAO

*Gunnery Sgt. Melvin Farmer, (left) of Cincinnati, Ohio, reviews the design plans for the ANA Soldier barracks just outside Kabul with Col. Bob Derrick, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Lt. Col. Octavia Duta from Romania.*

before the responsibility of training will be turned over to the leadership within the ANA.

Farmer interacts mostly with U.S. Army soldiers but reports directly to a Canadian captain and a British lieutenant colonel. “What I’ve learned most is that we have more similarities than we have differences,”

self. The letter directed him to move out of the Palestine Hotel, well away from coalition forces, and cease his efforts to subvert the coalition’s restoration of services.

McKiernan also issued a proclamation reaffirming to the citizens of Iraq that coalition forces are committed to improving the security situation and repairing damaged infrastructure. Along with encouraging Iraqis to return to work, the proclamation also made clear that the coalition alone retains absolute authority within Iraq.

In the proclamation — distributed in handbills, through radio programs and in person — McKiernan warned that “those that choose to wield power without the express authority of the coalition will be considered unfavorably by the coalition” and that “failure to abide by these instructions will be viewed as criminal behavior.”

Al Zubaidi did not follow McKiernan’s directive. He instead moved across the street into the Sheraton Hotel and continued his subversive actions. He was detained and then removed from Baghdad to prevent his continued misrepresentation of his author-

he explained.

Farmer and Econie conclude their tours in Afghanistan in late July and will return to their respective duty stations. Just as they brought expert infantry knowledge to assist in building training ranges here, they’ll return home with a feeling of a job well done.

ity as the mayor of Baghdad, officials said.

Coalition forces also detained about seven members of Al Zubaidi’s organization. Five have been released; the others were held at an internment facility in Iraq. Officials have made no decision on the next step to ensure Al Zubaidi does not interfere with the restoration of Iraq.

Al Zubaidi’s efforts to take political and personal advantage during this transitional period in Iraq’s move to a representative government made it necessary for coalition forces to act decisively against him, CENTCOM officials said. The coalition will continue to move decisively against any individual or group exercising or claiming political authority outside the coalition.

The coalition is committed to ensuring that the people of Iraq elect their own future political leaders in Iraq, officials said, and will work to ensure there is no interference with the Iraqi people’s moves toward self-governance and reconstruction.

Until an Iraqi government is formed, the coalition is the only legitimate government authority in Iraq.

## Study needed for change

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

**ABU DHABI**, United Arab Emirates — The footprint of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region will change in the coming months, but it is too soon to say how, defense leaders said following meetings with leaders of the United Arab Emirates Sunday.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Army Gen. Tommy Franks met with Shaykh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the crown prince of Abu Dhabi, and Lt. Gen. Muhammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the chief of staff of the armed forces of the United Arab Emirates, on the first day on the secretary's visit to the region.

Franks said that in each place the secretary and he visit, there is an understanding that with the regime of Saddam Hussein gone, "that in the days and months ahead there will likely be a rearrangement of the footprint in the region."

Forces, for example, are no longer needed for Operations Northern Watch and Southern Watch. But Franks said this does not necessarily mean U.S. forces will be reduced.

He would not speculate on the footprint but did indicate the matter needs review. "We're going to be working in Iraq and we're going to be continuing in Afghanistan for some time," he said. "We need to study it. We need to see exactly what footprint will have the highest payoff for us in the future."

Rumsfeld thanked the crown prince and chief of staff for their country's help in the global war on terrorism and its assistance to liberate Iraq.

The secretary stressed the United Arab Emirate's contribution to humanitarian relief in Iraq, noting it was the first country to ship relief supplies — including 700 tons of food, water and medical supplies.

The United Arab Emirates is also sponsoring six hospitals in Iraq and will refurbish and help supply them. The oil-rich country is also building a desalinization plant that will provide 250,000 gallons a water a day when finished. The federation already has some desalinization plants in Umm Qasr providing fresh, clean water to the Iraqi people.

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: "Rollerball."  
The big thing in 2005 is a violent sport which can have some pretty serious consequences... like dying.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Original Sin."



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	Today	Tuesday
<b>Bagram:</b>	Partly cloudy H: 81F L: 45F	Partly cloudy H: 79F L: 52F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Haze H: 95F L: 57F	Haze H: 95F L: 55F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Haze H: 79F L: 46F	Haze H: 77F L: 50F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Partly cloudy H: 90F L: 50F	Partly cloudy H: 80F L: 41F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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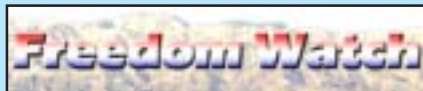
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# Coalition Sports Zone

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*Paul Scholes, left, and Ruud van Nistelrooy led United.*

## Reds take advantage of Arsenal draw

**LONDON** — Manchester United extended its lead in the Premier League to five points Sunday with a 2-0 victory over Tottenham. Paul Scholes and Ruud van Nistelrooy beat U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller as Manchester United won on the road and moved further in front of second-place Arsenal. Keller made five outstanding saves but could not stop Van Nistelrooy in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute and Scholes' header in the 69<sup>th</sup>. Manchester United has 77 points after 36 games with two to go. Defending champion Arsenal has 72 after 35. The game marked the return of England captain David Beckham to the United lineup. He had been benched for Wednesday's Champions Cup game against Real Madrid. In Sunday's other Premier League game, West Ham, trying to avoid relegation, beat Manchester City 1-0. In the Scottish Premier League, Celtic trimmed the Rangers' lead to five points by defeating its Glasgow rival 2-1.

## Barcelona edges Real Sociedad

**MADRID** — Real Madrid took full advantage of slip-ups by title rivals Deportivo Coruna and Real Sociedad with a 3-1 win at Sevilla on Sunday that allowed it to extend its lead at the top of the table to four points.

Deportivo crashed to a comprehensive 3-0 defeat away to an impressive Real Mallorca, while Sociedad lost out 2-1 to a cagey, but determined Barcelona at the Nou Camp.

The results mean that Real tops the table for another week on 64 points, four ahead of Deportivo and Sociedad, while Valencia is a further seven points behind.

Valencia reclaimed the last Champions League spot thanks to a comfortable 3-0 win over a sorry-looking Alaves at the Mestalla. Celta Vigo dropped to fifth after it was held to a goalless draw at home to Valladolid.

At the other end of the table, Recreativo Huelva moved out of the relegation zone for the first time this season when it swept to a morale-boosting 5-0 victory over nine-man Villarreal.

Rayo Vallecano remain anchored to the bottom following its 3-0 defeat at home to an improving Espanyol, while Alaves and Osasuna

accompany the Madrid-based side in the other two relegation places.

It was Sevilla who enjoyed the best chances in the opening minutes at the Estadio Olimpico, with midfielder Francisco Gallardo making a series of threatening runs on the left and defender Pablo Alfaro going close with a powerful diving header.

But Real, which ensured its place in the semifinals of the Champions League with a 6-5 aggregate victory over Manchester United on Wednesday, gradually found its rhythm and took the lead midway through the half.

Fernando Hierro exchanged passes with Ronaldo on the edge of the area, before slipping the ball to Zidane who chipped a deft cross over to the far post for Helguera to head in unopposed.

Sevilla refused to buckle, though, and claimed a deserved equalizer when Gallardo headed in at the far post on 40 minutes after Jose Antonio Reyes produced a carbon copy of Zidane's earlier cross.

But the home side could not maintain their effort after the break and Zidane put Real back into the lead on 54 minutes.

Midfielder Guti, who impressed throughout, chipped over the Sevilla defense into Zidane's path and the Frenchman clipped under keeper Antonio Notario into the far corner.

Out-of-favour striker Morientes, who had replaced Ronaldo in the second half, scored the third when he poked home three minutes from time after good work by Esteban Cambiasso on the right.

Barcelona claimed its first win in four games and did archrival Real Madrid a favor in the process with its win over Sociedad.

Argentine striker Javier Saviola scored the Catalans' first when he pounced on a measured through ball from compatriot Juan Roman Riquelme, rounded keeper Sander Westerveld and guided home into the open net on 13 minutes.

Patrick Kluivert added a second nine minutes later when he fired in a powerful near post header after a fine cross from fellow Dutch international Marc Overmars.

Sociedad pulled one back nine minutes from time when Turkish striker Nihat Kahveci netted with a deflected free kick, but the Basque side was unable to turn the game around and slipped to its eighth league defeat at the Nou Camp in as many years.

## PSG's Ronaldinho scores two goals

**PARIS, France** — Brazilian midfielder Ronaldinho hit two brilliant goals to give Paris St. Germain a 2-0 victory over Girondins Bordeaux in a French Cup semifinal on Sunday.

Ronaldinho exploited a blunder from young defender Marc Planuis to slot the opening goal after dribbling past two opponents in the 20<sup>th</sup> minute and delivered a fine lob to seal the game 10 minutes from time.

PSG, which has put all its hopes in the Cup, will face AJ Auxerre,



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2-1 winner over Stade Rennes on Saturday, in the final at the Stade de France on May 31.

The result brought some relief for PSG who two days ago announced chairman Laurent Perpere would be replaced by Francis Graille.

Before the season started, big-spending PSG had made it clear it was chasing the domestic title which has eluded them since 1994.

But with just four league matches to go, Paris is ninth in the table trailing leader Monaco by 11 points.

Ronaldinho, who has expressed his wish to leave PSG by the end of the season, was in a class of his own throughout the game.

When his teammates went back to the changing rooms after the final whistle, Ronaldinho remained on the Parc des Princes pitch, dancing a lonely samba which won him an ovation from the fans.

The Girondins played with 10 men for the last 35 minutes after defender Marco Caneira fouled striker Fabrice Fioresse who was heading for goal.

### Bundesliga: Kaiserslautern grabs much-needed win

**BERLIN** — Four-time German champion Kaiserslautern boosted its chances of escaping relegation with a 1-0 victory over Werder Bremen on Sunday.

A second-half penalty from Germany striker Miroslav Klose lifted the southwesterners one spot up to 10<sup>th</sup> and put them seven points from the danger zone with four games left.

Kaiserslautern, which is more than 30 million euros (\$33 million) in debt, needs to stay up to be granted the operating license needed to play professional football in Germany.

Coach Eric Gerets's men have known for sure since Saturday that it will play the UEFA Cup next season.

It meet Bayern Munich in the German Cup final on May 31 in Berlin and will play in Europe even if it loses since Bayern secured its 18<sup>th</sup> German crown with a 2-0 victory at VfL Wolfsburg on Saturday and will play the Champions League.

Werder, which started the season well but have struggled since the winter break, remain seventh and might have to be content with entering the Intertoto Cup.

Bottom club Energie Cottbus moved even closer to the second division when Arminia Bielefeld fought back from two goals down to salvage a 2-2 draw in Sunday's other game.

Cottbus, now nine points away from the first safe spot, moved ahead with two first-half goals from midfielder Marco Gebhardt but Bielefeld, who stay 12<sup>th</sup>, fought back after the break with goals from midfielder Christoph Dabrowski and Poland striker Artur Wichniarek.

### Holland: Ajax defeats AZ Alkmaar to stay second

**AMSTERDAM**, Holland — Ajax put its Champions League disappointment behind it to beat AZ Alkmaar 3-1 away and stay in second place on Sunday.

The Amsterdam side, which suffered a last-gasp loss to AC

Milan in the Champions League quarter-finals in midweek, has 68 points, eight less than PSV Eindhoven, which crushed basement team Graaafschap 6-1 on Saturday, with five matches remaining.

Feyenoord stayed one point behind Ajax in third place after an injury-time goal gave them a 1-0 win at home to lowly RBC Roosendaal.

Ajax played without Swedish World Cup forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who refused a five-match ban settlement on Friday for an elbowing incident against Feyenoord's Gerard De Nooijer on April 16, but was suspended temporarily.

The referee did not see the incident during the match but the Dutch league acted after it was picked up on television.

Playmaker Rafael van der Vaart opened the scoring in Alkmaar on 21 minutes and three minutes after the break striker Jari Litmanen made it two.

Midway through the second half, winger Andy van der Meijde settled it and four minutes before the final whistle Michael Buskermolen pulled on back.

Feyenoord struggled with Roosendaal, which was close to a deserved point.

Four minutes into injury time Patrick Paauwe placed a deflected corner in the far corner to lift Feyenoord's winning streak to 10 matches.

***"Where's that chopper? My fingers are starting to prune!"***



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## ***Laugh Support***